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Default in the payment of rent due by toddy and arrack shop renters in the North Arcot district.

* 584 *Q.*—Mr. M. B. Rangaswami Reddi: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of toddy and arrack shop renters for the past three years in the North Arcot district, talukwar, who failed to pay the entire rent;

(*b*) the amount of rent of such shops; and

(*c*) the number of toddy and arrack renters placed in jail for failure to pay the arrear rents?

A.—A statement [a] containing the information asked for is appended.

UNSTARRED QUESTION

Inland Waterways

Maintenance of the minimum water-level in the Buckingham Canal for purposes of navigation.

585 *Q.*—Mr. V. T. Arasu: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the minimum water-level that is required for navigation in the Buckingham Canal;

(*b*) whether that level is available all through the year; and

(*c*) if not, why the Government are not in a position to maintain the minimum level?

A.—(*a*) The Navigation rules prescribe that all vessels using the canal shall be so loaded that they can navigate in a depth of water of 3 feet in the portion of canal to the north of the Cooum river in Madras and 2 feet in the southern portion.

(*b*) & (*c*) That depth is maintained by annual silt clearance.

[*Note*.—**An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.**]

NON-OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

II.—AMENDMENTS TO STANDING ORDER No. 5 (*b*) (5).

Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari:—" Mr. President, Sir, I beg to present the [b] Report of the Select Committee appointed to consider amendments to Standing Order No. 5 (*b*) (5) and move that the Report be taken into consideration."

The motion was duly seconded.

The motion was put and carried.

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[a] Printed as Appendix VI on page 124 infra.

[b] Printed as Appendix VII on pages 125–126 infra.

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Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari :—" Sir, I move that the amendments recommended by the Select Committee be passed; I shall read these amendments :—

' For *clauses* (4) *and* (5) *of Standing Order No.* 5 (*b*) substitute *the following* :—

" (4) *The relative precedence—*

(*a*) *of Bills falling under sub-clause* (*iv*) *of clause* (2),

(*b*) *of Bills falling under sub-clause* (*v*) *of clause* (2) *and*

(*c*) *of resolutions,*

shall be determined by ballot.

(5) *A separate ballot shall be held—*

(*a*) *for motions relating to Bills falling under sub-clause* (*iv*) *of clause* (2);

(*b*) *for motions relating to Bills falling under sub-clause* (*v*) *of clause* (2); *and*

(*c*) *for resolutions* ".' "

The motion was duly seconded.

The amendments were put and carried.

III.—THE MADRAS DEBT CONCILIATION BILL (BILL No. 9 OF 1934).

New clause 12-B.

* The Hon. the President :—" The House will now proceed to consider the Madras Debt Conciliation Bill (Bill No. 9 of 1934). When we last adjourned, hon. Members might remember that we had been discussing amendment No. 38 [a], viz., new clause 12-B moved by Mr. Krishnayya Choudari. Some hon. Members had already spoken on the subject and the discussion on the amendment will now continue."

Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari :—" We have already discussed it and the Hon. the Law Member also gave his acceptance, I think."

The Hon. Sir K. V. Reddi Nayudu :—" On a point of personal explanation, Sir, I never gave any acceptance."

Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari :—" I think in a way it was accepted. As the House has already discussed it, I think, I need not say much about it. I personally feel that the interest must not exceed the principal in any circumstance. So I move my amendment."

New clause 12-B.

a Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari :—

38 *Insert* the following as new clause 12-B :—

" 12-B. (1) In any scheme of debt conciliation under this Act, no creditor shall be allowed a greater amount in satisfaction of both principal and interest than twice the amount of the principal.

(2) In any suit brought after the commencement of this Act against the debtor for the recovery of a loan borrowed before the commencement of the Act, no court shall pass a decree in satisfaction of both principal and interest for a larger sum than twice the amount of the principal."